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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATES NEW ROK FOREIGN POLICY

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATION OF PRIME MINISTER BEGAN JUNE 26 WITH QUESTIONS FROM CHONG IL- HYONG OF OPPOSITION NDP, CHU YONG- KWON OF REVITALIZATION GROUP, AND MIN PYONG- KI OF DRP. SPECIAL SESSION WILL CONCLUDE JUNE 27 WITH FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM NDP AND INDEPENDENTS FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON NEW FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MET AFTERNOON JUNE 25 TH TO BEGIN DRAFTING RESOLUTION.

2. CHONG' S INTERPELLATION OF PRIME MINISTER PREDICTABLY CRITICAL CENTERING ON CHARGE NEW POLICY COMPRISED GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE TWO KOREAS. CHONG SAID HE OPPOSED PRESIDENT PARK' S NEW POLICY AND WAS EXPRESSING " MINORITY VIEW" WITHIN NDP IN HIS COMMENTS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ROK HAD GIVEN UP FORMER POSITION OF INTERNATIONAL SUPERIORITY TO NORTH KOREA.

3. BOTH CHONG AND REVITALIZATION GROUP' S CHU QUESTIONED PM ABOUT GOVERNMENT' S POLICY TOWARD UNCURK AND UN FORCES. CHONG CHARGED THAT UN ACTION TO DISSOLVE UNCURK COULD LEAD TO FURTHER UN RESOLUTION ADVOCATING WITHDRAWAL UN FORCES.

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INSTEAD, CHUNG PROPOSED EXPANDING UNCURK BY ADDING US, PRC, USSR, AND JAPAN AS MEMBERS. IN RESPONSE PM SAID ROK WISHED MAINTAIN UNCRUK BUT FAVORABLE UN VOTE WOULD BE DIFFICULT. INDICATIONS MORE FAVORABLE REGARDING UN SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING UN FORCES AND ROK WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO WIN SUPPORT AMONG UN MEMBERS FOR RETENTION THESE FORCES IN ROK.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER GOVERNMENT HAD DISCUSSED INITIATIVE IN ADVANCE WITH NORTH KOREA, PRIME MINISTER REVEALED GOVERNMENT HAD HANDED TEXT PRESIDENT' S STATEMENT TO NORTH AT PANMUNJOM 9:00 AM JUNE 23, I. E. ONE HOUR BEFORE PRESIDENT' S SPEECH TO NATION. PRIME MINISTER ADDED GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM NORTH.

5. ON QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST POWERS, DRP' S MIN PYONG- KI INQUIRED WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD SUFFICIENT RUSSIAN LANGUAGE OFFICERS AND WAS ANSWERED IN AFFIRMATIVE BY PRIME MINISTER. MIN ALSO ASKED WHETHER GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO RUSSIAN USE OF ROK SEAPORTS IF REQUESTED. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED ROK WILLING HAVE RUSSIAN SHIPS REFUEL AT ROK PORTS, ADDING THAT SOVIET UNION HAD SHOWN GOOD WILL IN RESCUING ROK FISHERMEN.

6. IN REPLY TO MIN' S QUERY WHETHER ROK WOULD ACCEPT MILITARY AID FROM JAPAN, PRIME MINISTER FLATLY DENIED ROK WOULD EVER ACCEPT SUCH AID. IN RESPONDING TO FURTHER QUESTION PRIME MINISTER SAID ROK PARTICIPATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.
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